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1. FOLLOWING ORAL APPROACH BY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR ON PRE-
VIOUS DAY, SPANISH EMBASSY DELIVERED FOLLOWING NOTE TO
DEPARTMENT MARCH 5:

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"DURING THE CONVERSATION AT THE BARAJAS AIRPORT ON JANUARY 11, 1974, BETWEEN SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER AND MR. CORTINA, THE SPANISH MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE SECRETARY OF STATE GAVE ASSURANCES THAT SPAIN WOULD BE FULLY INFORMED OF THE UNITED STATES POSITION AND PROPOSALS IN THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE.

"IN FACT, THE INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE SPANISH AUTHORITIES WAS PRACTICALLY THE SAME AS THAT RELEASED PUBLICLY (THROUGH THE PRESS, IN PRESS RELEASES, ETC.).

"IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT SPAIN EVINced GREAT INTEREST IN THE CONFERENCE, EVEN REQUESTING PARTICIPATION THEREIN, IT WAS NOT ONLY EXCLUDED FROM IT BUT HAS ALSO BEEN DISREGARDED SO FAR WITH RESPECT TO INFORMATION, DOCUMENTS, AND RESULTS (COORDINATING COMMITTEE, WORKING GROUPS, ETC.) OF THE AFORESAID ENERGY CONFERENCE.

"IN VIEW OF THE INTEREST IN THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED OR TO BE DISCUSSED IN THE FUTURE, THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT WISHES TO RECEIVE EXTENSIVE INFORMATION ON THOSE SUBJECTS, AS WELL AS THE DOCUMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN OR ARE TO BE DISTRIBUTED WITH REGARD THERETO.

"FINALLY, THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT REQUESTS TO BE INVITED AS AN OBSERVER TO THE NEXT MEETINGS OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE, TO BE HELD AT BRUSSELS BEGINNING MARCH 13, 1974.,

2. DEPARTMENT DELIVERED FOLLOWING REPLY TO SPANISH EMBASSY MARCH 9:

"THE DEPARTMENT IS SYMPATHETIC TO THE DESIRE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK FOLLOWING ON THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT THE BODIES ORGANIZING THIS WORK MUST BE KEPT SMALL IF THERE IS TO BE ANY HOPE FOR PROMPT ACTION. THE DEPARTMENT HAS THEREFORE CONSIDERED IT NECESSARY TO FIND OBJECTIVE CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION IN THESE BODIES WHICH WOULD NOT IMPLY ARBITRARY DISCRIMINATION AMONG COUNTRIES DESIRING TO PARTICIPATE.

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TRARY DISCRIMINATION AMONG COUNTRIES DESIRING TO PARTICIPATE.

"IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO DEVISE SUCH A CRITERION WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FOR SPANISH ATTENDANCE AT THE MARCH 13 MEETING OF THE COORDINATING GROUP, WHILE EXCLUDING OTHER COUNTRIES WHO ALSO WISH TO ATTEND. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT CLOSER SPANISH INVOLVEMENT IN THE WORK BEING

CARRIED OUT INTERNATIONALLY IN THE ENERGY FIELD, WITHOUT DISCRIMINATING AGAINST ANY OTHER COUNTRIES, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING THAT THE SPANISH CHAIRMAN OF THE OECD ENERGY COMMITTEE BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE EX OFFICIO IN THE WORK OF THE OECD HIGH LEVEL GROUP.

"THE EMBASSY MAY BE ASSURED THAT IT WILL RECEIVE ANY AGREED-UPON DOCUMENTS WHICH RESULT FROM THE WORK OF THE COORDINATING GROUP. THE DEPARTMENT WILL FURTHER UNDERTAKE TO KEEP THE EMBASSY MORE FULLY BRIEFED FOLLOWING THE MEETINGS OF THAT GROUP BY A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION THERETO." KISSINGER

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